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COMMUNITY PROTECTION/EVACUATION PLANNING MEETINGS

*Community Protection Plan Template to Prepare Your Community & Family
in the Event of a Disaster*

The San Diego County Office of Emergency Services (OES), in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department, local fire agencies, American Red Cross and the San Diego County FireSafe Council, is holding a series of public community meetings to solicit input on the formation and development of Community Protection/Evacuation Plans. OES and the public safety agencies have developed a template each community can use in the development of their community protection and evacuation plans. The meetings will include a presentation of the Community Protection/Evacuation Plan Template and identify local resources that will assist in the development of the plan. These community meetings will be held at various locations throughout the County over the next three months. Approximately 75 citizens and public safety officials attended the first meeting, held yesterday evening in Ramona. Additional locations in this first round of meetings is as follows:

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| MOUNTAIN EMPIRE: | Tuesday, June 8th - 9-10:30 AM Campo Community Center, 976 Sheridan Road, Campo |
| ALPINE: | Wednesday, June 23rd - 6:30-8 PM Alpine Community Center, 1834 Alpine Blvd., Alpine |
| VISTA VALLEY: (Vista Fire Protection District) | Thursday, June 24th - 3-5 pm Vista Valley County Club, 29354 Vista Valley Drive, Bonsall |
| FALLBROOK: | Wednesday, June 30th - 1-3 PM Community Baptist Church, 731 S. Stage Coach Rd., Fallbrook |

"Public input into this process is essential to the completion of the plans and residents are encouraged to attend. Without input from the community, the community plan will not be nearly as effective; we are hoping for a high degree of public participation to help shape this plan," said Deborah Steffen, Director of the Office of Emergency Services.

The community protection/evacuation planning document will incorporate a multi-hazard approach to disasters such as earthquakes, fires and floods, along with human-caused hazards including terrorist attacks. The local community will maintain the plan, once completed. Members of the public seeking more information may contact Herman Reddick at 858-565-3490.